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<p>1. AT THE CLOSE OF OUR FIRST DEBRIEFING SESSION WITH CHRISTMANN AND WIFE ON 15 JANUARY 1966 /SEE REF/ WE TASKED HIM TO PROCURE FOR US RECHENBERG'S FRANKFURT TELEPHONE NUMBER AND BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS IN DETAIL THEIR RECOLLECTIONS AND KNOWLEDGE OF SERGE MICHEL AND LOUISE MINOUN. THE NEXT MEETING WAS ARRANGED FOR 17 JANUARY.</p> <p>2. FOR CHRISTMANN'S RESPONSE TO OUR TASKING PLUS OTHER INFORMATION THAT WAS DEVELOPED AT THE 17 JANUARY MEETING, PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED REPORT.</p>			
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CONGREVEA - LET'S RETURN TO YOUR CONTACT WITH THE SPIEGEL IN DECEMBER 1965.

CHRISTMANN - BUT THE SPIEGEL WROTE ME THEY WEREN'T INTERESTED IN PUTTING OUT AN ARTICLE ON MY CASE--AND IF I KNEW THE SPIEGEL, THEY PROBABLY ASKED CATIE AND CATIE PROBABLY SAID, LOSE, NO, HE WORKED FOR US. AND THAT'S WHY SPIEGEL SAID IT WASN'T INTERESTED. I ASSUME THIS. I KNOW I HAVE TO PROTECT MY FUTURE AND YOU CAN BELIEVE ME THAT AFTER YOU LEAVE HERE, NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO FIND THESE FILES.

CONGREVEA - I'M SURE OF THAT. A WISE PRECAUTION. BUT NOW LET'S TALK A BIT MORE ABOUT DR. FRIEDERICH WILHELM BEISSNER. WHEN DID YOU GET TO KNOW HIM?

CHRISTMANN - IN 1958, IN THE DEUTSCHES BUREAU--I TOLD YOU--THE INCIDENT WITH MADAME CHADOU. AT THIS TIME I WAS DEALING WITH A CERTAIN GAUSE /PHON/ ON JAPANESE CAMERAS. THESE JAPANESE CAMERAS WERE TO BE HANDLED WITH ONE OF THE FIRMS I KNEW, EICKOFF AND CO. IN HAMBURG AND GAUSE WAS TO PAY THE BILL TO HIS PRINCIPALS. I THEN HAD A FIGHT WITH FAHSE AND WROTE EICKOFF AND CO. AND TOLD THEM THE BUSINESS ARRANGEMENT WITH GAUSE WAS OUT. I GOT A LETTER BACK FROM EICKOFF AND CO. WHICH INFORMED ME THAT EICKOFF HAD BEEN CALLED BY A CERTAIN MR. KLEIN, AN ACQUAINTANCE OF GAUSE. KLEIN BELONGS TO THE FIRM OF KURTZ, ELZIN AND REINHOLD, WHICH IN 1959-1960 HAD SOME SHADY DEALS GOING IN LYBIA. ONE OF THIS GROUP WAS SWISS, ANOTHER A GERMAN AND THE OTHER ENGLISH. THIS GREN WAS REFRIGERATED WITH BEISSNER. EICKOFF WROTE ME THAT KLEIN HAD DENIGRATED ME AND THAT ME, DR. EICKOFF, IN ORDER TO STOP THESE RUMORS HAD RECOMMENDED ME TO DR. BEISSNER IN CAIRO. IN 1958. I NEVER HEARD ANYTHING FURTHER IN THE MATTER. THEN WHEN BEISSNER APPEARED IN TUNIS, AFTER 1962, I DIDN'T RECALL HIS NAME. ONLY LATER DID I REMEMBER THAT EICKOFF HAD RECOMMENDED ME TO BEISSNER. BUT HE ALWAYS CLAIMED HE DID NOT KNOW ME. THAT BEISSNER HAD ABUSED MY NAME IS A FACT AND THE FACT THAT, TODAY, BEISSNER IS A CLOSE FRIEND OF CHADOU, ESPECIALLY MADAME CHADOU, INDICATES HE HAS RECEIVED KLEIN'S SLANDERS AGAINST ME.

CONGREVEA - IN THE PERIOD AFTER YOUR MOVE TO ALGERIA, DID YOU SEE BEISSNER?

CHRISTMANN - OH YES. HE TRAVELED FREQUENTLY TO ALGERIA, WITH HIS WIFE, TOO, AND ONE DAY THE FOLLOWING HAPPENED. I WAS LIVING IN THE HOTEL ALBERT PREMIER AND THE PORTER SAID TO ME, "OH, YOU'RE FLYING BACK TO TUNIS, HERE IS A LETTER FOR DR. BEISSNER, IT TRIVED SHORTLY AFTER HE DEPARTED--WOULD YOU TAKE IT ALONG TO TUNIS?". I TOOK THE LETTER, OPENED IT LATER. IT WAS FROM A CERTAIN KIRCHFELDT /PHON/ IN DUESSELDORF. THE CONTENTS WERE REALLY INDUCIOUS CREDIT PROPOSALS. I TOOK THE LETTER ALONG AND MAILED IT IN TUNIS TO BEISSNER'S ADDRESS. TWO WEEKS LATER I GOT A TELEGRAM FROM THE ALBERT PREMIER HOTEL SAYING I SHOULD RETURN THE LETTER IMMEDIATELY IF NOT DELIVERED. I CABLED BACK THE LETTER HAD BEEN DELIVERED. SOME TIME LATER I MET MRS. BEISSNER AT THE AIRPORT IN TUNIS AND SHE ASKED ME WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO THE LETTER. I TOLD HER I HAD SENT IT ON. SHE SAID THEY HAD NEVER RECEIVED IT. AND THAT WAS THE LAST CONVERSATION WITH THE BEISSNERS. SINCE THEN I SAW HIM A COUPLE OF TIMES BUT DID NOT SPEAK WITH HIM.

CONGREVEA - ANOTHER SUBJECT. YOU LOANED ME THE LETTER OF THE 10TH FROM ALGIERS AND YOUR ANSWER OF THE 17TH. AFTER THE 17TH DID YOU GET FURTHER MAIL FROM THE BEISSNERS?

MRS. CHRISTMANN - NO. NO.

CONGREVEA - DID YOU WRITE TO THE BEISSNE'S AFTER THE 17TH?

CHRISTMANN - THE LAST TIME WE WROTE IS THE LETTER IN WHICH WE MENTION THE MONEY THAT COULD BE SENT US VIA THE "FRANKFURT FRIEND". IT IS POSSIBLE WE SENT NEW YEARS GREETINGS, I'M NOT SURE.

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